

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) An oral solid active compound unit comprising a solidified drop microsphere, the solidified drop microsphere comprising:

a matrix comprising a mixture of at least one fatty alcohol that is a linear, saturated or unsaturated primary alcohol having 10-30 carbon atoms and at least one solid paraffin; and pantoprazole sodium sesquihydrate

~~an acid labile active compound selected from the group consisting of substituted pyridin-2-yl-methylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazoles, substituted phenylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazoles, substituted cycloheptapyridin-9-ylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazoles, and substituted pyridin-2-yl-methylsulfinyl-thienoimidazoles and may be present as a chiral compound, a pure enantiomer, or a mixture thereof in any mixing ratio, or in the form of its salt with a base, or in the form of a hydrate of its salt with a base,~~

wherein said ~~acid labile active compound~~ pantoprazole sodium sesquihydrate is present in said matrix, and

wherein the solidified drop microsphere does not comprise an enteric coating.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously presented) The oral solid active compound unit as claimed in claim 11, wherein the matrix further comprises one or more excipients selected from the group consisting of polymers, sterols and basic compounds.

14-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) A process for the production of an oral solid active compound unit in the form of a solidified drop ~~microsphere~~ comprising pantoprazole sodium sesquihydrate which ~~an acid-labile active compound, where the acid-labile active compound is selected from the group consisting of an~~ substituted ~~pyridin-2-yl-methylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazoles, substituted phenylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazoles, substituted cycloheptapyridin-9-ylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazoles, and substituted pyridin-2-ylmethylsulfinylthienoimidazoles and~~ may be present as a chiral compound, a pure enantiomer, or a mixture thereof in any mixing ratio, or in the form of its salt with a base, or in the form of a hydrate of its salt with a base, and is present in the solidified drop ~~microsphere~~ in a matrix made of a mixture comprising at least one fatty alcohol that is a linear, saturated or unsaturated primary alcohol having 10-30 carbon atoms and at least one solid paraffin, comprising the following steps:

a. preparing a solution or dispersion of the pantoprazole sodium sesquihydrate ~~acid-labile active compound~~ in the fatty alcohol that is a linear,

saturated or unsaturated primary alcohol having 10-30 carbon atoms and paraffin;

b. prilling the solution or dispersion prepared in step (a) and obtaining drops of the solution or dispersion; and

c. solidifying the drops obtained in step (b) in a suitable medium, wherein the solidified drop ~~microsphere~~ does not comprise an enteric coating.

19. (Previously presented) The process as claimed in claim 18, where the prilling is carried out by means of vibrating nozzles, wherein the solution or dispersion which flows to the nozzle is kept at a constant temperature, and wherein the solidification of the drops takes place in a suitable cooling medium after stabilization thereof by sudden quenching.

20. (Currently amended) An oral solidified drop ~~solid-microsphere~~ prepared by the process as claimed in claim 18.

21. – 36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently amended) The oral solid active compound unit as claimed in claim 11, wherein the solidified drop ~~microsphere~~ has a particle size range of 50-600  $\mu\text{m}$ .

38. (Currently amended) The oral solid active compound unit as claimed in

claim 11, wherein the solidified drop microsphere has a particle size range of 50-400  $\mu\text{m}$ .

39. (Canceled)

40. (Currently amended) The oral solid active compound unit as claimed in claim 11, wherein the solidified drop microsphere has a particle size range of 50-200  $\mu\text{m}$ .

41. (Previously presented) The oral solid active compound unit as claimed in claim 11, wherein the fatty alcohol that is a linear, saturated or unsaturated primary alcohol having 10-30 carbon atoms is selected from the group consisting of cetyl alcohol, myristyl alcohol, lauryl alcohol, stearyl alcohol and mixtures thereof.

42-43. (Canceled)

44. (Previously presented) The oral solid active compound unit as claimed in claim 11, wherein the solid paraffin is paraffinum solidum or ozocerite.

45-49. (Canceled)

50. (Currently amended) The oral solid active compound unit as claimed in claim 11, wherein the pantoprazole sodium sesquihydrate ~~acid-labile-active compound~~ is 1-90% by weight of the oral solid active compound unit.

51. (Currently amended) The oral solid active compound unit as claimed in claim 50, wherein the pantoprazole sodium sesquihydrate ~~acid-labile-active compound~~ is 2-70% by weight of the oral solid active compound unit.

52. (Currently amended) The oral solid active compound unit as claimed in claim 50, wherein the pantoprazole sodium sesquihydrate ~~acid-labile-active compound~~ is 5-40% by weight of the oral solid active compound unit.

53. (Currently amended) The oral solid active compound unit as claimed in claim 50, wherein the pantoprazole sodium sesquihydrate ~~acid-labile-active compound~~ is 10-20% by weight of the oral solid active compound unit.

54. (Previously presented) The oral solid active compound unit as claimed in claim 11, wherein the fatty alcohol that is a linear, saturated or unsaturated primary alcohol having 10-30 carbon atoms is 10-70% by weight of the oral solid active compound unit.

55. (Previously presented) The oral solid active compound unit as claimed in claim 54, wherein the fatty alcohol that is a linear, saturated or unsaturated primary alcohol having 10-30 carbon atoms is 20-70% by weight of the oral solid active compound unit.

56. (Canceled)

57. (Previously presented) The oral solid active compound unit as claimed in claim 54, wherein the fatty alcohol that is a linear, saturated or unsaturated primary alcohol having 10-30 carbon atoms is 30-60% by weight of the oral solid active compound unit.

58. (Previously presented) The oral solid active compound unit as claimed in claim 11, wherein the solid paraffin is 10-70% by weight of the oral solid active compound unit.

59. (Canceled)

60. (Previously presented) The oral solid active compound unit as claimed in claim 59, wherein the solid paraffin is 30-60% by weight of the oral solid active compound unit.

61-62. (Canceled)